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Examiner:	Crowder, Chun	:	
In re application of:		:	MONOCYTE-DERIVED
Elizabeth Bates <i>et al.</i>		:	NUCLEIC ACIDS AND
		:	RELATED COMPOSITIONS
		:	AND METHODS
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTKenilworth, NJ 07033  
November 18, 2005Mail Stop: Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 22, 2005 in the above-referenced application, having a shortened statutory period set to expire September 22, 2005. Applicants hereby request a two month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), extending the term for response until November 22, 2005.

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 to one of six inventions, designated I-VI. Applicants elect the claims of Group III, claims 7-9, drawn to a binding compound which specifically binds to the isolated polypeptide comprising amino acid sequence derived from SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, 6, 8, or 10.

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Applicants expressly reserve the right to file divisional applications to the presently non-elected subject matter.

If the undersigned can be of any assistance to the Examiner in addressing issues to advance the application allowance, please contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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